



## FBI TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION

[Denver Division – **August 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**]

### Student Candidate Information

<b>Name:</b> (Last, First, Middle)			
<b>Grade level</b> (2016 school year):			
<b>Home Street Address:</b>			
<b>City/State:</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>		<b>Referred by</b>	
<b>School Activities (attach page if necessary):</b>			
<b>Community Involvement (attach page if necessary):</b>			

### Parent/Guardian Information and Approval

<b>Name</b> (Last, First, Middle)			
<b>Street Address</b>			
<b>City/State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Business Phone</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Emergency, please call:</b>			
<b>Signature</b>			
<b>Date</b>			

### School Information and Approval

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Street Address</b>			
<b>City/State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>Phone</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>School Official</b>			
<b>Official's Position</b>			
<b>Phone</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Applicant's GPA</b>			
<b>Official's Signature</b>			
<b>Date</b>			

The Fall 2016 FBI Teen Academy will welcome high school students to the FBI Denver Division on Thursday, August 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Punctuality, professional behavior and appropriate dress will be required of all students attending this program. The address of the academy is 8000 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80238.

The program is not exclusive to students interested in criminal justice. Due to the vast diversity in our workforce, any student with an interest in the FBI, what we do and how a relationship with the FBI can help their school is encouraged to apply. All students will be evaluated based on their application (GPA, school activities and community involvement) and essay to determine which students will be offered a seat in the class. None of the above elements will be the sole basis of evaluation of an application and the application process should be taken seriously by all applicants.

**The application and supporting essay must be received at the following email or mail by 4 p.m. on June 15, 2016 for panel review. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.**

FBI – Denver Division  
Attn: Deborah Sherman  
Public Affairs Specialist  
8000 East 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Denver, CO 80238

[Deborah.Sherman@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Deborah.Sherman@ic.fbi.gov)

**Application Checklist:**

- ☐ Student application:
  - Student information complete;
  - Parent/guardian information complete and signed;
  - School information complete;
  - Endorsing school official information complete;
  - School official notation of student's GPA (checks will be made).
- ☐ Essay indicating why the student wants to be part of the program and how the experience will serve the school:
  - Typed;
  - No more than two pages, single-spaced;
  - Essay format with proper capitalization and punctuation;
  - Name and email on each page.
- ☐ Release/indemnity form signed by parent/guardian indicated on the application form.

Students will be notified of their application status via email by mid July, 2016. Students selected to attend the FBI Teen Academy will be given additional information about the program and will be required to confirm their planned attendance. Questions regarding the FBI Teen Academy or the application process can be directed to Public Affairs Specialist Deborah Sherman at (303) 630.6060 or [Deborah.Sherman@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Deborah.Sherman@ic.fbi.gov).

## **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Teen Academy**

### **Q. Is the program only for high school students?**

**A.** Yes, the program has been designed for all high school students, including those who are entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016 and those who graduated in 2016.

### **Q. Is the essay important?**

**A.** Yes, the essay is important as it is often the first element of the application package that is reviewed by our panelists. This is an opportunity for the student to explain why they should attend and what benefit the class may have for them. In other words, a high GPA in absence of a well written essay and vice versa can be problematic.

### **Q. Do 4.0 students get a guaranteed seat in the class?**

**A.** GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and no student will be assured a seat by GPA alone. All students must submit a well-written essay detailing why they want to attend the academy and how the experience will benefit their school as well as have school activities and community involvement.

### **Q. Is a particular GPA required?**

**A.** GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and a minimum GPA is not stated; however, given the competitive nature of the application process, it is advantageous for a student to have a combination of a good GPA, well-written essay, school activities and community involvement.

### **Q. Does a student have to have specific experience or interest in law enforcement to be a successful candidate?**

**A.** No, a student does not need to be in a criminal justice program, explorers program, ROTC, etc. The primary objective is to identify students who are capable of leadership and have an interest in what the FBI does.

### **Q. Is this experience similar to an internship?**

**A.** The FBI Teen Academy is not an internship and while students may be offered case studies drawn from adjudicated cases, students will not be exposed to active cases or day-to-day investigations.

### **Q. I love forensic science! Will I get to learn techniques?**

**A.** While students will be exposed to some basic evidence collection techniques during one of the many sessions; the day covers a wide variety of topics from a classroom and experiential perspective as well as concepts that are designed to enhance student awareness of issues such as cybercrime, cyber bullying and more.